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TAGS: PARM MTCRE PREL SN MY IR
SUBJECT: EFFORTS BY A MALAYSIA-BASED IRANIAN FIRM TO
PROCURE UAV-RELATED EQUIPMENT IN SINGAPORE (S)

Classified By: ISN/MTR ACTING DIRECTOR RALPH PALMIERO FOR REASONS
1.4 (B), (C), AND (D).

¶11. (U) This is an action request. Embassy Singapore,
please see paragraph 4.

¶12. (S) Background: The U.S. has information that in September 2008, the Malaysian firm Elite Advanced Solutions Sdn Bhd requested a price quotation for four sets of militarized servo actuators from a firm in Singapore. Although not controlled by any of the multilateral nonproliferation regimes, the servo actuators sought by Elite Advanced Solutions are used in the control systems of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs). Elite Advanced Solutions is an Iranian procurement cover used by Iran's Farazeh Equipment Distributor Company (FEDCO), which has previously purchased equipment and technology to support Iran's UAV and ballistic missile development efforts. In light of the proliferation risks associated with this transaction, we want to alert Singapore authorities to this activity. We also want to urge them to guard against efforts by Iran to use third country intermediaries to procure sensitive technology from sources in Singapore.

¶14. (S) Action request: Request Embassy Singapore approach appropriate host government officials to deliver talking points/non-paper in paragraph 5 below and report response. Talking points also may be provided as a non-paper.

¶15. (S) Begin talking points/non-paper:

(SECRET REL SINGAPORE)

-- In the spirit of our nonproliferation cooperation, we would like to alert you to a matter of proliferation concern.

-- The U.S. has information that in September 2008, the Malaysian firm Elite Advanced Solutions Sdn Bhd requested a price quotation for four sets of militarized servo actuators from Moog Singapore Pte. Ltd.

-- We are bringing this activity to your attention because we are concerned that these servo actuators may be intended to support Iran's efforts to develop unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs).

-- Our information indicates that Elite Advanced Solutions is an Iranian procurement cover used by the Farazeh Equipment Distributor Company (FEDCO) to purchase goods that cannot be sold directly to Iran. FEDCO is an Iranian entity that has previously purchased equipment and technology to support Iran's UAV and ballistic missile development efforts.

-- Although not controlled by the multilateral nonproliferation regimes, the servo actuators sought by Elite Advanced Solutions are used in the control systems of UAVs.

-- Given the clear proliferation risks associated with this transaction, we wanted to bring this information to your attention as part of our collaborative efforts to prevent Iranian military- and missile-related organizations from procuring sensitive technology from sources in Singapore.

-- We believe that preventing such procurement by Iran is consistent with United Nations Security Council Resolutions 1737, 1747, 1803, and 1835.

-- We look forward to future cooperation on nonproliferation issues and to hearing of any additional information about this transaction your government acquires or actions your government takes in response to this information.

End talking points/non-paper

¶5. (U) Washington POC is ISN/MTR James Mayes (Phone: 202-647-3185). Please slug any reporting on this issue for ISN/MTR and EAP/MTS.

¶6. (U) A Word version file of this document will be posted at www.state.sgov.gov/demarche.

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